

REMARKS

The Applicant hereby requests continued examination of this application under 37 CFR 1.114, responsive to the Advisory Action of October 31, 2006.

Claims 1-29 have been cancelled, and new claims 30-41 are presented above. Support for new claims 30-41 can be found in the original specification and drawings, as more particularly set forth below. The Applicant contends that new claims 30-41 are fully supported by the original specification and drawings, and do not include any new matter.

New claims 30-41 include new independent claims 30, 35 and 41. New independent claims 30, 35 and 41 have been drafted to include a limitation as set forth in paragraph [0061] of the original specification, and accompanying Fig. 8B of the drawings. Specifically:

- With respect to new independent claim 30, this claim includes the following limitations: “a digital camera, comprising ... logic for providing a bounding box to identify the selected area; ... and image-transfer logic, responsive to the transfer control, and configured to transfer the portion of the image within the bounding box, as displayed on the image display, to the external device.”
- With respect to new independent claim 35, this claim includes the following limitations: “A method for editing and transferring image information with a digital camera, comprising ... controllably select[ing] an area of the acquired image on the image display; providing a bounding box around the selected area and displaying the selected area, and the bounding box, along with additional portions of the acquired image, on the image display; and transferring only the selected area of the acquired image to an external device communicatively coupled to the digital camera.”
- With respect to new independent claim 41, this claim includes the following limitations: “A method for editing and transferring image information with a digital camera, comprising ... magnifying the acquired image to generate a magnified image, and displaying a portion of the magnified image on the image display; using a position control provided with the digital camera ... to pan over the magnified image, and re-displaying portions of the magnified image on the image display responsive to the panning; selecting a re-displayed portion of the magnified image; re-displaying the acquired image on the image display and displaying a bounding box around the re-displayed portion; and transferring only the area of the acquired image within

the bounding box to an external device communicatively coupled to the digital camera.”

The Applicant contends that new independent claims 30, 35 and 41 are novel and non-obvious over the prior art because they recited limitations not shown by, nor obvious in light of, the prior art. Specifically, and as indicated above, independent claims 30, 35 and 41 include limitations directed towards paragraph [0061] of the original specification, and accompanying Fig. 8B of the drawings. Paragraph [0061] of the original specification recites:

[0061] In FIG. 8B, the user has actuated the transfer control 148 or other control to indicate that the image 804 in FIG. 8A is to be transferred. The digital camera 100 then displays the originally acquired image including a bounding box 812 or some other indicia of a select area of the acquired image. The bounding box 812 indicates that the enclosed portion 814 of the acquired image is selected for transfer to a printer, computer, or other device coupled to the digital camera 100. When the digital camera 100 is connected to a printer, the image is transferred to the printer when the user actuates, for example, the transfer control 148 on the user interface 164. Additional portions of the original acquired image may be selected for transfer by using the magnification control 145 and the position control 142 to controllably select different portions of the acquired image. (Emphasis added.)

Further, Fig. 8B of the drawings depicts a displayed image 810, with a selected area 814 that is delimited by a “bounding box” 812. And, per paragraph [0061], the selected area (as indicated by the bounding box 812, and as displayed on the display device of the digital camera), can be transferred to an external device, such as a printer.

Putting all of the above into more general terms (while not departing from the specific language of the claims), new claims 30-41 provide for a digital camera (per independent claim 30), and methods for editing and transferring image information with a digital camera (per independent claims 35 and 41), wherein: (1) a user can select an area of an acquired image, and the selected area can then be displayed on an image display of the digital camera; (2) the displayed selected area is delimited by a “bounding box”; (3) the displayed selected area is displayed along with some non-selected portions of the acquired image (which are outside of the bounding box); and (4) the region delimited by the bounding box, as indicated

on the image display, can then be transferred to an external device, such as a printer. This functionality is not shown by (nor suggested by) the prior art.

Put yet another way, and with reference to Fig. 8B, new claims 30-41 allow for a selected area (area 814) of an acquired image (810) to be displayed on a display device of a digital camera, and for the selected area (814) to be delimited by a bounding box (812), and for the selected area (814) of the image (810), which is delimited by the bounding box (812), to be transferred to an external device, such as a printer (per paragraph [0061] of the original disclosure).

For at least these reasons the Applicant contends that new claims 30-41 recite novel and non-obvious limitations over the prior art. (The Applicant further contends that claims 30-41 may be patentable over the prior art for additional reasons, but are at least patentable for the reasons stated immediately above.)

In light of the arguments presented above, the Applicant therefore respectfully requests timely allowance of new claims 30-41.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The Applicant hereby requests, under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), a one (1) month extension of time to file this Request for Continued Examination (“RCE”), to and through December 11, 2006. It is noted that the Advisory Action of October 31, 2006 (upon which this RCE is premised) follows the Final Office action dated August 10, 2006. Accordingly, the Applicant is accorded a three-month period to file a response (including an RCE) to the Advisory Action, to and through November 10, 2006, which date may be extended upon request under 37 CFR § 1.136(a). It is noted that a one (1) month extension of time to the Final Action of August 10, 2006 (i.e., from November 10, 2006 to December 10, 2006) places the date of response on December 10, 2006, which is a Sunday. And, per 37 CFR § 1.7(a), “When the day, or the last day fixed by statute or by or under this part for taking any action or paying any fee in the United States Patent and Trademark Office falls on Saturday, **Sunday**, or on a Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the action may be taken, or the fee paid, on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, **Sunday**, or a Federal holiday.” (Emphasis added.) Thus, this request for a one (1) month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to respond to the Advisory Action of October 31, 2006 (based on the Final action of August 10, 2006) should be considered as being timely made due to fact that this RCE is being filed on Monday, December 11, 2006 (which is “the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, **Sunday**, or a

Federal holiday"). The fee for the one-month extension of time is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2025, as indicated on the enclosed "Request for Continued Examination Under 37 CFR § 1.114". If, in the opinion of the Office, additional fees are due to enable timely filing of this RCE, then such fees are authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

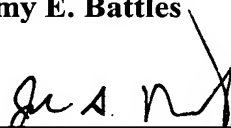
SUMMARY

In light of the foregoing amendments, and for at least the reasons set forth above, the Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 30-41 should be allowed. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (509) 534-5789.

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